

Designing a Tennis Court in your Backyard

Tennis, anyone? A call-out like this usually means a trip to the local club, but if you're an avid tennis player with the urge to hit the courts any time you want and you have the space for it in your backyard, it may be a wise investment to have your own court at home.

The most important tasks for this type of project are identifying the best surface to put in based on prevalent climatic conditions and cost considerations. Naturally, the cost could go up as much as \$20,000 or more, but the convenience and pride of having your own tennis court will more than make up the expense, especially if you are a tennis enthusiast. But first, be sure that you check all aspects of garden care; [Landscape design Hobart](#) has a long list of professional contractors that can help you evaluate the best options.

Here is a comparison of the different surface types to help you arrive at a final decision on what to put in:

Clay Courts

These are ideal for high-humidity regions because water plays a critical role in maintaining them. A regularly watered, compacted and brushed court can serve you for several years without having to resurface. Underground watering systems are available to ensure that your court gets tended continually without much manual effort. From a player's perspective, these courts are typically safer because of the loose top soil that allows you to slide into a shot and reduce the risk of injury.

Grass Courts

Natural grass courts are actually quite rare because of the expenses involved in maintaining them properly. Unless you are willing to put a generous amount into the maintenance kitty, these court surfaces may be prohibitively expensive. The courts at Wimbledon are all natural grass and very well maintained. For your need, look for a landscaping expert that specializes in garden design. [Garden care Hobart](#) has several reputed business that can undertake this type of maintenance work.

Synthetic Courts

While synthetic grass is definitely an option, it isn't the only one in this category: vinyl-padded hardcourts and even painted courts using quick-drying acrylics are available. The important thing is that the court surface you choose be suitable for the climate. Freeze-thaw cycles, for example, may call for padded hardcourts, while synthetic grass may be more suitable where regular watering would be impractical.

Hardcourts

These are relatively easy to maintain and can last several years. However, after a while they tend to develop cracks – a problem that may be compounded in areas with poor water run-off. These are typically the cheapest options but, again, the type of climate and your specific situation need to be taken into consideration before choosing this as your surface.

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